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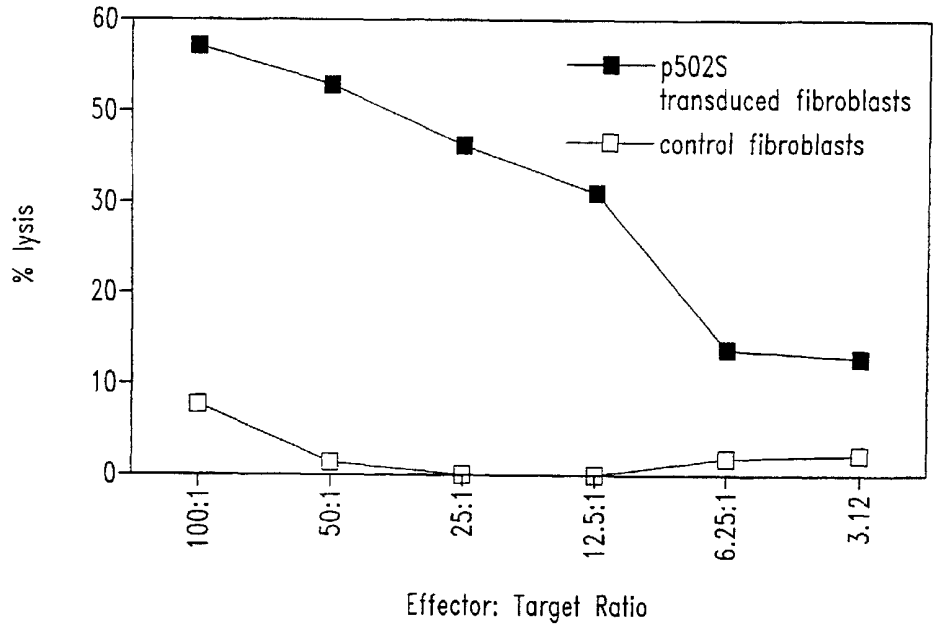
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(54) Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE THERAPY AND DIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER



(57) Abstract: Compositions and methods for the therapy and diagnosis of cancer, such as prostate cancer, are disclosed. Compositions may comprise one or more prostate-specific proteins, immunogenic portions thereof, or polynucleotides that encode such portions. Alternatively, a therapeutic composition may comprise an antigen presenting cell that expresses a prostate-specific protein, or a T cell that is specific for cells expressing such a protein. Such compositions may be used, for example, for the prevention and treatment of diseases such as prostate cancer. Diagnostic methods based on detecting a prostate-specific protein, or mRNA encoding such a protein, in a sample are also provided.

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Although claims 23 24 31-33 36 37 39-41 are (partially) directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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Claims 1-11, 14-64, partially.

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1. Claims: Invention 1: Claims 1-11 14-64 partially

A polypeptide comprising at least an immunogenic portion of a prostate tumor protein defined as SEQ ID 108 and which is encoded by the related SEQ IDs 2,3,107 (according to the Description of the Sequence Identifiers), fragments and variants thereof, fusion proteins comprising it, polynucleotides or oligonucleotides derived therefrom, antibodies or fragments thereof binding to the polypeptide, pharmaceutical compositions or vaccines comprising these products and their use in methods for inhibiting, monitoring or diagnosing the development of a prostate cancer, for removing tumor cells from a sample or for expanding and/or stimulating T-cells.

2. Claims: Inventions 2-450: Claims 1-64 (all partially and as far as applicable)

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